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# **Major Capital Projects Quarterly Update November 2012**

### CENTRAL LAKE COUNTY CORRIDOR

**Project Status:** Project is in the planning stage. The Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council has worked recently to identify consensus around options for the Illinois Route 53 corridor in central Lake County and develop a framework of principles to guide future study of the corridor configuration, timing and financing. Two next steps are on the horizon for calendar year 2013-1) a corridor land use plan to be managed by CMAP in coordination with the Tollway, Lake County, municipalities, and other stakeholders in the area; 2) A detailed design concept and continued work on project finance to be managed by the Tollway.

**Project Website:** http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/community-outreach/illinois-route-53-120-blue-ribbon-advisory-council

# Overall Progress since Last Quarter:

CMAP approved the selection of the IL 53/120 corridor land use plan in the next round of LTA projects.

# CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter (if applicable):

- CMAP approved the selection of the IL 53/120 corridor land use plan in the next round of LTA projects.
- CMAP modeled the impact of congestion pricing on the 53/120 as one component of its overall congestion pricing analysis.

## CIRCLE INTERCHANGE

**Project Status:** Phase I engineering has begun and a project study team has been established. IDOT plans to do Phase I and Phase II over two years (12 months each).

**Project Website:** <a href="http://www.circleinterchange.org/">http://www.circleinterchange.org/</a>

*Overall Progress since Last Month:* IDOT is working with CMAP to prepare information for project evaluation.

*CMAP's Contribution since Last Month:* CMAP is currently readying an analysis of this project in line with GO TO 2040 major capital project evaluation criteria.

# CTA RED AND PURPLE LINE MODERNIZATION

**Project Status:** CTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process for this project, and will be preparing an EIS. CTA is also in the process of tackling some much-needed capital maintenance work at various rail stations along the north branch of the Red Line. Station improvement work began on June 1 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of year. The rehabilitation of these seven stations is not directly part of the Red & Purple Modernization Project (RPM)- rather, this funding is part of the agency's \$1 billion Red Line Capital Investment initiative announced in November 2011. CTA is also currently studying future development potential along the corridor.

Project Website: http://www.transitchicago.com/rpmproject/

*Overall Progress since Last Quarter:* Station improvements, and thus closures, have begun. CTA has also been studying the future development potential along the corridor.

*CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:* CMAP prepared preliminary value capture projections for this corridor. These projections will be refined in the upcoming months.

# **CTA RED LINE SOUTH**

**Project Status:** CTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process for this project and will be preparing an EIS.

Project Website: http://www.transitchicago.com/redeis/default.aspx

# Overall Progress since Last Quarter:

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the fourth round of the discretionary Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program grants. These grants include \$20 million for improvements to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) 95<sup>th</sup> Street terminal. This \$20 million is one component of a total \$140 million for various improvements to this station. A federal TIFIA loan (\$80 million) is also part of the funding package, and represents the first time Illinois has ever received TIFIA funding for a project. This project will upgrade and expand the existing facility to ease bus and pedestrian congestion and enhance safety. The 95<sup>th</sup> Street terminal is one of the busiest in the CTA system, serving 20,000 passengers per day and numerous bus lines. The benefits of streamlining bus-to-rail connections at 95<sup>th</sup> street is included as a key component of the much larger red line extension project which is included as a priority in GO TO 2040.

#### CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:

• Through the Local Technical Assistance Program, CMAP is providing assistance with work on a Livability Report, that introduces both quantitative and qualitative analysis of the proposed Red Line Extension, in relation to the six Livability Principles developed by the federal government. To date, twelve community focus groups and five one-on-one interviews have taken place and have been transcribed by Loyola's Center for Urban Research and Learning. CMAP staff has viewed the first cut of the Red Line Livability Video, the second cut will be sent to project partners, CTA and DCP, for review the week of October 29th. The video is expected to be completed mid-November. CMAP has completed the first draft of the final report deliverable; currently the document is being reviewed internally. Community Education Session planning in conjunction with CTA continues

CMAP is providing some technical assistance to the consultant who is working on the EIS.
 CMAP modeled and provided data for build and no-build alternatives with a 2030 horizon year.

# **ELGIN O'HARE**

**Project Status:** Tier II documents signed and sent to FHWA. A Record of Decision is expected by the end of 2012.

*Project Website:* <a href="http://elginohare-westbypass.org/SitePages/Home.aspx">http://elginohare-westbypass.org/SitePages/Home.aspx</a>

#### Overall Progress since Last Quarter:

- DuPage County continues to explore ways to fill the funding gap.
- The Illinois Tollway and IDOT signed the Tier II FEIS on 10/29 and forwarded it to FHWA
- Press release here:
   http://www.illinoistollway.com/documents/10157/15899/20121029+ +Illinois+Transportation+Secretary+and+Illinois+Tollway+Executive+Director+Sign-Off+On+Final+Elgin+O%27Hare+Planning+Document
- A Local Advisory Committee (required by state law) was formed. It consists of representatives of local communities and interest groups to provide input on issues related to the implementation of the project. First meeting on 10/29.
- Membership and committee information here:
   <a href="http://www.illinoistollway.com/documents/10157/15899/20121025+-+Elgin+0%27Hare+LAC">http://www.illinoistollway.com/documents/10157/15899/20121025+-+Elgin+0%27Hare+LAC</a>
- \$95.6 million in the Tollway's FY13 budget request for this project.

#### CMAP's Contribution Last Quarter:

CMAP modeled the impact of congestion pricing on the Elgin O'Hare as one component of its overall congestion pricing analysis.

# ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY

**Project Status:** Tier 1 Draft EIS submitted to FHWA for approval. Recommendation is to carry forward into Tier 2 both a no action and the B3 alternatives. IDOT is accepting comments on the selection of B3 as the preferred alternative. Federal acceptance of Tier 1 is expected by the end of November.

*Project Website:* <a href="http://www.illianacorridor.org/">http://www.illianacorridor.org/</a>

#### Overall Progress since Last Quarter:

B3 selected as the preferred alternative. A no-action alternative will also be carried forward into Tier 2. The Preferred Corridor Report is here:

http://www.illianacorridor.org/pdfs/illiana pref correport 101212pdf.pdf

#### CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:

CMAP submitted comments on the Tier 1 DEIS and participated in the Corridor Planning Group meeting. IDOT's official response to comments will be part of the FEIS.

### I-290 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR

**Project Status:** The I-290 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study started from a clean slate in Fall of 2009. The process will result in an EIS for the reconstruction of I-290 from west of Mannheim Road to east of Cicero Avenue. The preferred alternative selection and EIS should be completed in fall of 2013.

Project Website: <a href="http://www.eisenhowerexpressway.com/">http://www.eisenhowerexpressway.com/</a>

*Overall Progress since Last Quarter:* CTA is embarking on a study to develop a long term vision for the Blue Line in the I-290 corridor, and has secured UWP funds to do so. CTA provided comments in response to the proposed interchange designs, 1) saying that the transit project should be combined with the I-290 project for a multimodal project with multi-modal funding and 2) suggesting that the Circle Interchange project should be combined with the I-290 multimodal study. CTA reiterated that any plans for I-290 improvements should not impact Blue Line infrastructure.

*CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:* CMAP participated in a Cook-DuPage Corridor study Policy Committee where the overlap between the IDOT I-290 study and the Cook-DuPage Study transit analysis was discussed in regards to transportation modeling. The CTA Blue Line study will become important to this discussion topic. Lastly, CMAP modeled the impact of congestion pricing on 290 as one component of its overall congestion pricing analysis.

#### I-294/57 INTERCHANGE

**Project Status:** Under construction.

**Project Website:** http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/projects-by-roadway/tri-state-tollway-i-94/i294/i-80/294-57interchange & http://www.dot.il.gov/I57-294/default.html

#### Overall Progress Last Quarter:

Construction of a new bridge carrying southbound I-294 traffic over 147th Street is complete, and all I-294 traffic is now traveling on the new bridge. Work is underway to rebuild the bridge carrying northbound traffic. Realignment of Dixie Creek completed. \$66.7 million included in the FY13 budget request for this project.

*CMAP's Contribution Last Quarter:* CMAP is providing consulting assistance and limited staff assistance via the LTA program for an SSMMA interchange land use planning project. This project involves planning for future land use and economic development along major corridors and at key sites within five communities near the new I-294/I-57 interchange (Dixmoor, Harvey, Markham, Midlothian, and Posen). CMAP selected a consultant team for the project, led by Land Vision, Inc. and including Business Districts, Inc., Baxter & Woodman, TranSystems. The project's steering committee is comprised of local representatives as well as regional partners like SSMMA, Cook

County, RTA, Pace, IDOT, and the Tollway. The steering committee held its kick-off meeting in October, 2012, and the consultant team is planning stakeholder interviews as part of their Existing Conditions analysis.

#### I-55 Managed Lane

**Project Status:** Phase I EIS is underway and will be completed by spring 2014. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has initiated the I-55 Managed Lane Project and the establishment of a Corridor Planning Group. This group consists of Mayors/Presidents from each of the communities in the study area, the Chair/President from the Counties, CMAP, other governmental bodies, agencies or interest groups. The CPG will discuss many issues such as transportation system needs, a range of managed lane alternatives and an evaluation of those alternatives. The scope of work for this project is anticipated to include the addition of one lane in each direction within the existing median of I-55 to accommodate implementation of managed lanes. Managed lanes could include High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV), High Occupancy Toll (HOT), Congestion Pricing, and other managed lane configurations as determined to be appropriate for projected 2040 travel demand.

Project Website: <a href="http://www.i55managedlaneproject.org/">http://www.i55managedlaneproject.org/</a>

*Overall Progress since Last Quarter:* Corridor group was formed and held their first meeting on October 11.

#### CMAP's Contribution since Last Quarter:

Attended corridor group meeting. Modeled the impact of congestion pricing on I-55.

I-90

**Project Status:** Project is in design. Preliminary construction including bridge work, shoulder widening and utility relocation has begun on the western section of the corridor.

*Project Website:* <a href="http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/projects-by-roadway/jane-addams-memorial-tollway-i-90">http://www.illinoistollway.com/construction-and-planning/projects-by-roadway/jane-addams-memorial-tollway-i-90</a>

#### Overall Progress Last Quarter:

- Preliminary construction on west end
- \$415 million included for this project in the FY13 budget request.

#### CMAP's Contribution Last Quarter:

- CMAP modeled the impact of congestion pricing on the Jane Addams as one component of its overall congestion pricing analysis.
- CMAP is supporting Tollway consultants in preparing demand estimates for managed lane scenarios.

# WEST LOOP TRANSPORTATION CENTER

**Project Status:** Phase I of the Union Station Master Plan concluded in May. Projects to create a surface bus transfer center and East-West BRT are funded and underway. The projects begin to address improving connections between Union Station and other transportation services.

Project Website: http://www.unionstationmp.org/

**Overall Progress since Last Month:** None

**CMAP's Contribution since Last Month:** None

# OTHER PROJECTS

**CREATE-** The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the fourth round of the discretionary Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program grants. These grants include \$10.4 million to support the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) freight rail program. CMAP included information about this in a recent policy update: <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/policy-updates/-/blogs/chicago-region-to-receive-two-tiger-ivgrants">http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/policy-updates/-/blogs/chicago-region-to-receive-two-tiger-ivgrants</a>

Project B15, Signalization of Blue Island Yard Running Tracks was completed. G17, Belmont Road/BNSF Grade separation project is nearly complete. As of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 15 projects are completed, 33 are underway, and 22 have not been initiated. Progressive railroading reports that CREATE project implementation is running 10% under budget.

#### **High Speed Rail**

A project website for the Chicago - Detroit - Pontiac Route has been established, and a Federal Register Notice was published for development of a Tier I EIS. A public EIS scoping meeting was held. Northwest Indiana received \$71M to upgrade rail infrastructure which may help progress on the Chicago – Detroit - Pontiac service.

Governor Quinn signed legislation allowing the Illinois Tollway to construct high speed rail. IDOT established a website for the Chicago-St. Louis high-speed rail project. Groundbreaking for a \$42 million transportation hub in Joliet, which Governor Quinn's office calls a key stop in the route, began.